



Let us also go and worship Him, Christ the King!

The deaf child's **ADVOCATE**

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Christmas



"Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

*A Merry Christmas
to you
From
all the Children
of the
Evangelical Lutheran
Institute for the Deaf.*

GREETINGS

To every one of our readers and to all of our friends — and to everybody, everywhere — we wish a glorious

CHRISTMAS

and a

NEW YEAR

of abundant prosperity, perfect health, lasting peace and much Christian joy.

During this holy season and ever after let us disavow kinship of the innkeeper of Bethlehem by making room in our hearts for Jesus our only Savior, and by dedicating fruits of faith to the service of Him whose blessed birth we are about to celebrate again.

Incidentally yours

Thanksgiving was a most blessed season for our Institute. The good people of the Michigan Thumb again had an ingathering of all sorts of farm produce and canned fruits and vegetables. And the Christians of Alpena, Rogers City, Moltke, Hawks, Posen, Hillman, Onoway, and Belknap, Michigan, collected 135 bags of #1 potatoes for us. All these valuable gifts were transported to us by our never tiring friends of the C. & H. Nielsen Cartage Company.

While our Upstate friends provided us with fruits of the field and garden, God's good children in and around Detroit had so-called Pound-Day or grocery collections which went a far way towards filling the many shelves in our larder and storerooms. Truly, "The Lord is good and His mercy endureth for ever." May He richly bless both the donors who so unselfishly shared their blessings with our deaf children and also the good friends who gave of their time and energy to convey the blessings to our pantry door.

With Thanksgiving Day past, the glorious Christmas holidays are knocking at the door. Many of our pupils spent the short Thanksgiving vacation at home or with friends. All will be going away for Christmas. To keep a child away from home at Christmas time would be cruel, indeed. And because of that, we bend every effort to enable every one of our pupils to spend those happy holidays in the midst of their loved ones.—**What a hustle and bustle Christmas brings! First there is the interesting Christmas program in which all pupils take part. And then comes that hurried taxi trip to the station, and from there on bus, train, or plane for home. What excitement! What experiences! We do live in an interesting and fast moving world.**

Our trips with two of our pupils to Zanesville, Ohio and Davison, Michigan, where by word, motion picture, and live demonstrations we acquainted many Christians with the blessed missionary work their Institute is doing, were both interesting and enjoyable to us. The convention of Osteopathic Surgeons and Specialists held in Columbus, Ohio, at which we read an essay on "The Rehabilitation of the Deaf Child," was interesting and informative to us.

Former pupils from whom we received letters recently are Helmuth Quiram of Dallas, Texas, who is now employed in a casket factory, in which his father is foreman; La Donne Herfert who is attending High School in

the Minnesota School for the Deaf, at Faribault, Minnesota; Werner Hoeswisch who is happily married and who is employed and living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Curtis Ketelsen who helps his father on the farm in Iowa; Percy Blumhorst who also is married and works in a dairy in Kansas City, Missouri. Percy expects to be a Daddy soon.

Since deaf children acquire practically all knowledge through the eye, visual educational aids are very essential to their education. We are, therefore, very grateful to the ladies of Pastor Gerken's congregation of Rochester, Michigan, for the gift of a slide and film strip projector. Two class rooms now have such aids. Three more rooms should have them also. The cost for a good projector is around \$90.00.

Swimming, gym, and handicraft are again on our program. Through an intercessor, we were successful in arranging with the Fairview Recreation Center to have grades 4 to 8 participate in these interesting and worthwhile activities every Friday afternoon. Mr. Robert Tegeden, and Miss Betty Ohlinger are the teachers in charge.

The football championship was won by our deaf boys coached by Mr. Tegeder. In spite of stubborn competition from all the teams composed of hearing boys, our deaf lads managed to capture the trophy. And are they proud! And so are we.

Our pony, Spotty, has a stall-mate again. Kip is a nice chubby black shetland pony which Mr. Watson loaned to our children and which they, especially the girls, very much enjoy riding.

On Saturday, November 8, Mr. Charles Schad, head of the Detroit Garden & Forester Clubs took a group of our children to the Jack Miner Wildlife Preserve at Kingston, Ontario, Canada where thousands of wild geese, ducks, swans and other aquatic birds stopover for a rest and a real banquet every fall and spring on their migratory flights.

This excursion which took the youngsters through the mile-long tunnel under the Detroit River to a foreign country, as well as seeing the great numbers of wild birds which hardly act wild in this sanctuary was an educational treat for them which they will not soon forget.

Our annual communication brought to our readers' attention the needs of our Christian school for deaf children. Deaf education is very costly education, because deafness is the greatest educational handicap with which mentally normal children can be afflicted.



Everybody busy unloading the Nielsen trucks which delivered the blessings received from our friends in the Thumb of Michigan

Gift for Sonny

Dear Director Klein:

Your records will show that my father, Adolf Gaiewski, was a member of your Directors' Board at one time. Therefore, in his memory, I am enclosing a \$50.00 money order to be used as follows:

Your "Deaf Child's ADVOCATE" presented a special appeal to me because I am doing secretarial work for two attorneys. I was particularly interested in the scholarship need for the son of the Missionary to the Mexicans. Inasmuch as I cannot contribute the entire amount needed for the scholarship, I would like a small piece of it, just \$50.00 worth, listed as my share.

Sincerely yours,
(Miss) Esther C. Gaiewski,
Detroit

World of Silence

Concerning our film Dr. H. A. Mayer, Ass't Executive Secretary of The Lutheran Church, writes:—"Many thanks for the use of the film "The World of Silence." I made good use of it in my various lectures over in Europe. I had an opportunity to address two large groups of German pastors, and at each showing I was bombarded with questions which gave me an opportunity to speak at considerable length on the entire work which we are doing in the United States for the Deaf."—Copies of this interesting all color sound film are available. Write to J. A. Kein, 6861 Nevada, Detroit 34, Mich. There are no fixed rental charges.

Our Trip to Canada

On October 7th we went to Canada in the station wagon. We left here at nine o'clock and arrived at the tunnel entrance at nine thirty.

We stopped at the Immigration Office and Miss Forsberg paid a toll of one dollar to the Immigration Officer. Then we drove through the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. The ride through the tunnel was exciting. The tunnel is about two miles long.

In Canada we stopped at the Immigration Office and Miss Forsberg got a Traveler's Permit to drive across the Ambassador Bridge to Detroit.

We drove along the Detroit River. We saw the Detroit skyline, the harbor and a ferryboat loading a train.

Then we drove to Victoria Street. Mr. Klein asked us to stop there and say hello to Rev. Storm, but nobody was at home.

We drove back to the Ambassador Bridge. We stopped again at the Immigration Office and Miss Forsberg gave the Officer the Traveler's Permit. Then we drove across the bridge. We stopped at the Immigration Office and Miss Forsberg paid another toll of ninety cents. The officer smiled at us. He didn't ask us any questions.

We returned to school at eleven fifteen. It was an exciting trip.

KENNETH THORPE, 5th Grade

Our readers can do us no greater favor than to return to us those red-striped self-addressed, postage prepaid envelopes. The contents of those envelopes constitute the real lifeblood of this Christian Institution.

There Was No Room

Nearly two thousand years before our automotive age gave its "No Vacancies" signs to a traveling public a similar notice was served by Bethlehem's inn-keeper — "No room in the inn!" No room for the coming Christ of God!

That inn-keeper! It's more than possible that he was of God's chosen people, a church member, very influential in The First Synagog of Bethlehem. Yet there was no room in his inn for the Gift of Divine Love!

And so God's Son was born in a stable because there was no room in the inn! "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not."

Wonder what the inn-keeper would have done had he known what was taking place.

That inn-keeper of Bethlehem was ancestor of a family so large that it continues to this day: people, "good" people, church people if you please, so completely engrossed in their little two-by-four "inn" that when Jesus, of Whom they confess: "I believe that Jesus Christ . . . true God . . . and also true Man . . . is my Lord," seeks admission, they say, in effect, "No room!"

No room for Christ in their thinking. No room for Christ in their living. No room for Christ in their loving. No room for Christ in their time. No room for Christ in their giving. Their thoughts and lives and loves and moments and gifts are all cluttered up with "things" that crowd out that "Holy Thing" born of the virgin Mary.

But the Christian, whose eyes have seen the King, is not a descendant of the inn-keeper. He thanks God for each new opportunity to prepare room for his Savior Jesus — in his thinking and living and planning and giving; in his time and talents and treasures. He says, "Take my LIFE and let it be dedicated, Lord, to Thee." He has room for Jesus; he makes room for Jesus, for he has stood at the Manger where Christ was born and, by faith, has knelt before the Cross on which that same Christ was nailed for HIM and for HIS salvation, and by the grace of God has become one of those of whom it is written, "as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name."

—Mich. Dist. Stewardship Bulletin

Christmas Program

Our children's Christmas program will be held on Thursday, December 18, at 2 P. M. The parents of our children and friends of our Institute are cordially invited to the program as well as to "a tea" which our Ladies Auxiliary will serve immediately after the program.

Parents who attend may take their children home after the program. All other children will leave on the morning of Friday, December 19. Parents whose children must travel by bus, train, or plane should secure tickets at their local transportation office just as early as possible and send them to us no later than December 8 together with the customary cash for taxi fare. — We urge all parents to take care of this matter at once in order to enable us to dispatch their children as directed without undue delay.

Our beautiful Memorial Wreath folders are always available upon request, free and post-paid.

Fare-Well

With this issue The Deaf Child's Advocate bids good-bye to its publisher, Central Publishing House of Cleveland, Ohio. Our business relations with this organization during the past twelve years have been most cordial and satisfactory. We are, therefore, very sorry that C. P. H. has decided to liquidate its Cleveland business and to consolidate its interests with its other publishing enterprises located elsewhere. — As yet no new publisher has been selected. However, we are negotiating with several and a decision will be made in time for the printing of the next issue of the Advocate.

Annals of the Deaf

Parents of deaf children will find valuable Educational, Medical, Social and Vocational information in the January issue of the American Annals Of The Deaf. Yearly subscription price is \$4.00. January issue alone is \$2.00. Order from The American Annals of the Deaf, Gallaudet College, Washington 2, D. C.

The Chromolizer or Speech in Color

We are exceedingly grateful to the John W. Smith Old Timers Club for the very valuable gift of a Chromolizer which it presented to our Institute in fond memory of the late Honorable John W. Smith, one time mayor of the City of Detroit.

The Chromolizer is a new machine which is an aid in the teaching of speech to deaf children and the correcting of their speech through color association. The manufacturer of the Chromolizer claims the following four major advantages for it:—

- 1. STRENGTHENS MOTIVATION** — Color association stimulates interest and captures the attention of the student to a greater extent than any other speech training technique. This strengthened motivation is extremely helpful in overcoming inattention and defeatism on the part of the student, especially in early stages of training.
- 2. PERMITS SELF - INSTRUCTION** — The extreme simplicity of this training method, coupled with the powerful motivation it develops, permits self-instruction with highly satisfactory results. The student actually sees the difference between correct and faulty performance. Training periods can be longer and more intensive than would be possible with methods requiring the constant presence of an instructor.
- 3. SERVES AS A VOICE MONITOR** — The Chromolizer provides a constant, visual indication of pitch, rhythm and intensity. This is of particular value to the student in learning natural sounding speech.
- 4. AIDS VISUAL RECALL** — Color association gives a vivid and lasting impression which stimulates the memory and reduces repetition and review to a minimum.

We are indeed very thankful to the members of the J. W. S. O. T. Club for having selected our Institute to be the recipient of this very costly but promising visual aid. And as soon as it has been received and installed and our teachers have acquired the technique of using it, we believe that it will greatly assist our children in the acquisition and development of better and more intelligible speech.—Lord, continue to give our deaf children helpful friends.

"Ask and Ye Shall Receive"

In our August issue of this little paper we made mention of the many pupils in our school who are without parents or whose parents are unable to pay much or anything for board and tuition. And for that reason we appealed for special financial assistance for these children. In response to the item, we received several generous contributions designated for the support of such children. One person in particular from Forest Park, Illinois, whose name we do not even know, has sent us regularly substantial cash sums for the support of our little deaf and half-blind boy who is the son of our missionary to Mexicians.

As already stated we do not know the name of this Christian man or woman who feels it his or her duty to help others bear their heavy burdens, hence, we cannot express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation in any other way than through these columns. But the Lord knows His servant and He will surely shower bountiful blessings upon this person as well as on all others who have compassion for the afflicted and less fortunate. — "Thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly." Mat. 6:4.

Form of Bequest

I give, devise, and bequest to the Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Deaf-Mute Institute of 6861 E. Nevada Ave., Detroit, Mich., the sum of \$_____.

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Elizabeth (Monica Gable) greeting Mary (Rose Marie Bier)
Our pupils love to depict these Biblical scenes in pageantry.



Shepherds (deaf pupils) worshipping at the Manger
One cannot imagine a more reverent group than these deaf children



Presenting the Christ Child in the temple. Donald Webster, Simeon; Curtis Ketelsen, the priest; David Bormberg, Joseph, and Rose Marie Bier, Mary



Angels (deaf children) announcing the birth of Christ to the shepherds



The wise men (Robert Leland, Herod; Larry Hamer, Guard; Richard Heckel, Nelson Finks and Clifford Combs, wise men; Herman Spencer, Guard)



The Wise Men at the manger

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